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**DOH CITES LEEWARD AUTO WRECKERS/ALBERT'S TOWING FOR PERMIT VIOLATIONS**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health (DOH) has filed a notice and finding of violation and order against Leeward Auto Wreckers/Albert's Towing for violating their solid waste management permit. The violations occurred at 91-209 Kuhela Street, Kapolei, Hawai'i.

The DOH issued a warning letter to the facility in May 2006 for violations including lead acid batteries and scrap tires not stored in accordance with the facility's permit and exceeding permitted scrap tire storage capacity. Leeward Auto Wreckers/Albert's Towing failed to comply with the warning letter. In November 2007, the facility was still found to be in violation of its permit. The DOH imposed a penalty of \$14,400 and ordered Leeward Auto Wreckers/Albert's Towing to take corrective actions to prevent further violations.

The penalty takes into account the extent of deviation from the law and the potential for harm. The manner in which solid waste was being stored and handled at the site poses a relatively low to moderate likelihood of exposure to solid waste or related contaminants to humans or the environment. Leeward Auto Wreckers/Albert's Towing may request a hearing to contest the allegations or order.

DOH Solid Waste Section regulates standards governing the design, construction, installation, operation, and maintenance of solid waste disposal, recycling, reclamation, and transfer systems. Such standards are intended to prevent pollution of the drinking water supply or waters of the state, prevent air pollution, prevent the spread of disease and the creation of nuisances, protect the public health and safety, conserve natural resources and preserve and enhance the beauty and quality of the environment.

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